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TAGS: PFOR, DR

SUBJECT: CASIMIRO CASTRO BARRED FROM RADIO AND TELEVISION

1. ON AUGUST 1, 1974, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS, DR. VICTOR HIDALGO JUSTO, ISSUED A DECREE PROHIBITING PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO DOMINICANO (PRD) SECRETARY OF ORGANIZATION, PROF. PABLO RAFAEL CASIMIRO CASTRO, FROM APPEARING ON RADIO OR TELEVISION. DECREE ALSO PROHIBITED THE BROADCASTING OF STATEMENTS MADE BY CASIMIRO CASTRO.

2. IN A CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF ON AUGUST 1, CASIMIRO CASTRO ADMITTED THAT RADIO COMMENTS HE HAD MADE THE PREVIOUS DAY (JULY 31) (WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN REPORTED IN THE PRESS) COULD HAVE BEEN INTERPRETED AS SEDITIOUS. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE DID NOT THINK THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HESITATE TO DEPORT HIM AND PREDICTED THAT SHOULD THE SITUATION CREATED BY THE BARRIO STRIKES BECOME MORE SERIOUS, HE MIGHT BE FORCED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

3. COMMENT: HIDALGO JUSTO'S ACTION FOLLOWS THE JULY 12 PROHIBITION AGAINST RADIO AND TELEVISION APPEARANCES BY PRD SECRETARY GENERAL, JOSE FRANCISCO PENA GOMEZ. ALTHOUGH THE JUSTIFICATION GIVEN BY HIDALGO JUSTO FOR HIS ACTION WAS THAT CASIMIRO HAD DEFAMED THE PRESIDENT AND THREATENED THE INTEGRITY OF THE ARMED FORCES, IT IS A WIDE BELIEF THAT

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HIDALGO--AND THROUGH HIM THE GODR--WISHES TO SILENCE

CASIMIRO AND HIS FIERY PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS IN FAVOR OF  
THE CONTINUING STRIKES IN SANTO DOMINGO AND INTERIOR CITIES.

4. AS FOR CASIMIRO'S FEAR THAT HE MIGHT BE DEPORTED, THIS  
SEEMS UNLIKELY--CASIMIRO HAS GENERALLY OVERSTATED THREATS  
TO HIS PERSONAL SAFETY AND/OR RESIDENCE IN THE COUNTRY.

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